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Comprehensive Community Plan

County: Benton

LCC: Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County

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Plan Summary

Mission Statement:

The vision of the Coalition for a Drug Free Benton county is provide a forum for exchange of information related to tobacco, alcohol and other drugs in Benton County. The Coalition comes together with the common goal of reducing the incidence, prevalence, costs and consequences of alcohol and other drug use and abuse. Success of meeting these goals will improve the quality of life in individuals, families and the Benton county community as a whole.

History:

The Coalition for a Drug Free Benton county (hereinafter referred to as the Coalition) was established in 1989 under the guidance of the Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana. The initial Coalition worked hard to provide programs and assistance in addressing the Benton County alcohol and other drug problems. In more recent years, the Coalition wrote a mission statement to memorialize the ideas and dreams of the Coalition. The Coalition comes together with the common goal of reducing the incidence, prevalence, costs and consequences of alcohol and other drug use and abuse. Success of meeting these goals will improve the quality of life for individuals, families and the Benton County Community as a whole.

The Coalition is located with Benton County, having a population of 8,853 according to the 2011 census. The Department of Health and Human Services defines Benton County as a rural community. It covers a geographic area that consists primarily of farming and some light industrial businesses. Benton County is located in Northwestern Indiana, approximately 120 miles Northwest of Indianapolis and 88 miles Southeast of Chicago. It is a "bedroom" community to Tippecanoe County, which includes the cities of Lafayette and West Lafayette, the home of Purdue University, and the country's 16th largest University. Benton County has one school corporation with approximately 1900 students enrolled.

A Coordinator organizes the Coalition's efforts. Bylaws and the use of the Conflict of Interest documents continue to guide the function of the Coalition. Meetings are open to everyone interested in the Benton Community and attendance is encouraged. The Coalition uses specified Request for Funds Applications and a specific process to solicit, review, and fund proposals addressing the needs identified in The Plan at least annually. Once a project or services has been funded, the recipients are then required to complete a Project Report before the end of the grant cycle for review by the Coalition. A verbal or written report is also required to be given to the Coalition by each grantee.

The Coalition has worked in to be inclusive of the community and utilized its members to address the needs in Benton County. It is allowing Benton County residents to address important issues, ones that may be too large for one group alone. It is working to empower individuals in the community and mobilizing more skills, as it strives to minimize duplication of efforts so that time spent is efficiently addressing Benton County's ATOD issues. New partnerships have been cultivated as the Coalition has come

together to address the prevention, treatment and the judicial/law enforcement needs of its community. The Coalition understands building and strengthening the capacity of its membership will enable Benton County to prevent and reduce substance abuse in its community effectively and for the long term.

Summary of the Comprehensive Community Plan:

The Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County used Strategic Prevention Framework to figure out what the problems are. The whole LCC reviewed data collected and determined what the top issues were. After that, the committee worked on goals and objectives and goals. The entire LCC reviewed the Comprehensive Community Plan and voted to approve it. Our problems statements are as follows:

1. Benton County youth are using alcohol, misusing prescription drugs, and illicit controlled substances.
2. Benton County adults are misusing alcohol, prescription drugs, and illicit controlled substances.
3. The impaired driving rate in Benton County is too high.

The Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County votes on grants in March to fund for the next year. Those programs that meet the objectives of the Comprehensive Community Plan are considered for funding.

The LCC used the Comprehensive Community Plan to determine grant allocations. It also uses it as a guide of where to focus time and attention with activities. In 2012, the LCC gathered updated data and reviewed grant applications to update objectives. The LCC reviewed and approved the update prior to it being submitted.

Current Membership List

County LCC Name: Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County

#	Name	Organization	Race	Gender	Category
1	Audrey Freeland	Coordinator/Auditor's office	W	F	Government/Parent
2	George Frantz	Otterbein Police Dept.	W	M	Law Enforcement
3	Marci Maris	Benton Co. Probation Dept.	W	F	Justice
4	Brett Butler	Benton Co. Probation dept.	W	M	Justice
5	Phil McBride	Indiana State Police	W	M	Law Enforcement
6	Dennis Rice	Fowler Police Department	W	M	Law Enforcement
7	Rick Mickle	Benton Central After Prom	W	M	Parent
8	Dorothy Hoaks	Celebrate Recovery	W	F	Treatment
9	Drew Fellure	Local Business	W	M	Parent
10	Megan Mahoney	Wabash Valley Hospital	W	F	Treatment
11	Katie McGaughey	Indiana Youth Institute	W	F	Youth
12	Robert Miller	Indiana Excise Police	W	M	Law Enforcement
13	Megan Hardin	Fowler United Methodist Church	W	F	Religion

Problem Identification

A. Problem Statement #1: Benton County youth are using alcohol, misusing prescription drugs, and illicit controlled substances

B. Supportive Data:

- Benton Central High School reports for the 2012-2013 school years, a total of 23 suspensions 7suspensions of these were 1 alcohol related and 6 drug/pill related.
- The Sheriff's office reported a total of 11 minor arrest, 2 minor consumption arrests in 2012
- Wabash Valley Mental Health served a total of 134 youth's ages 12-18, there is no separation between mental and substance issues in this data, but many do have secondary issues with substance abuse. The addictions counselor worked with various students at Benton Central High School 41 were seen, 10 with a clinical diagnosis of substance abuse and 6 experimenting but not diagnosed.
- Juvenile probation reports approximately 46% of all cases are related to alcohol or drug related offenses. The following cases that are open as of March 22, 2013:
 - Possession of paraphernalia—1
 - Minor possession of alcohol-4

- c: Possession of Controlled Substance—8
- d: Dealing marijuana—0
- e: Dealing in Schedule V Controlled Substance--3

End of Year 1 Update:

1. Benton Central High School reports for the 2013-2014 school years, a total of 21 suspensions 10 suspensions of these were 1 alcohol related and 9 drug/pill related.
2. The Sheriff's office reported a total of 10 minor arrest, 1 minor consumption arrests in 2013
3. Wabash Valley Mental Health served a total of 134 youth's ages 12-18, there is no separation between mental and substance issues in this data, but many do have secondary issues with substance abuse. The addictions counselor worked with various students at Benton Central High School 37 were seen, 10 with a clinical diagnosis of substance abuse and 7 experimenting but not diagnosed.
4. Juvenile probation reports approximately 46% of all cases are related to alcohol or drug related offenses. The following cases that are open as of March 22, 2014:
 - a: Possession of paraphernalia—2
 - b: Minor possession of alcohol-1
 - c: Possession of Controlled Substance—11
 - d: Dealing marijuana—0
 - e: Dealing in Schedule V Controlled Substance--2

End of Year 2 Update:

1. Benton Central High School reports for the 2014-2015 school years, a total of 73 out of school suspensions. Of these were 0 alcohol related and 37 drug/pill related.
2. The Sheriff's office reported a total of 33 minor arrest, 6 minor consumption arrests in 2014
3. Wabash Valley Mental Health served a total of 70 youth's ages 12-18, there is no separation between mental and substance issues in this data, but many do have secondary issues with substance abuse. The addictions counselor worked with various students at Benton Central High School 70 were seen, 7 with a clinical diagnosis of substance abuse and 14 experimenting but not diagnosed.
4. Juvenile probation reports on all cases are related to alcohol or drug related offenses. The following cases that are open as of March 2014
 - a: Possession of paraphernalia—5
 - b: Minor possession of alcohol-3
 - c: Possession of Controlled Substance—1
 - d: Dealing marijuana—4
 - e: Dealing in Schedule V Controlled Substance--1

Final Update (end of Year 3):

C. Goals:

1. To lower the amount of alcohol and illicit drug use instances in the County involving youths
2. The Coalition will get statistical information out into the schools about the effects of drug/alcohol abuse and how it impacts learning for all ages and will be measured annually by IPRC report.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. The LLC funded the Benton Central After Prom Program. This is a program that allows the students to have a safe, drug free environment with activities for the hours after the prom. The prom ends at 11 pm and traditionally, there was much underage drinking that occurred after the prom. Currently, with the continued help of the Coalition, approximately 130 of the 175 youth attend the after-prom. the youth are released at 2:00 am. The rates of minor consumption have gone down drastically over the years and there have been no further minor DUI cases in the past five years.
2. We do not yet have the current year report available to us.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. The LLC funded the Benton Central After Prom Program. This is a program that allows the students to have a safe, drug free environment with activities for the hours after the prom. The prom ends at 11 pm and traditionally, there was much underage drinking that occurred after the prom. Currently, with the continued help of the Coalition, approximately 94% of the youth attend the after-prom. The youth are released at 2:30 am. The committee (after prom), awarded over 125 gift to the participants. The rates of minor consumption have gone down drastically over the years and there have been no further minor DUI cases in the past six years that are related to prom.
2. We do not yet have the current year report available to us.

Final Report (end of Year 3):**D. Objectives:**

1. Promote community awareness by providing materials and visibility regarding hazards of alcohol, prescription drug misuse and other illicit controlled substances (newspapers, pamphlets, health fairs, and displays)
2. Promote and support alternative activities funding (after prom)
3. Provide funding for education/prevention programs
4. Provide funding for treatment/intervention programs

5. Provide funding to law enforcement with tools/training programs and interdiction services in the county

End of Year 1 Update:

1. We have not addressed this objective at this time-we did not participate in last year's fair or health fair. The After Prom T-shirts given to all attendees does have the Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County printed on the shirts.
2. The Benton Central after Prom was utilized by 125+ students where they received prizes, T-shirts and college bound prizes while in a controlled drug and alcohol environment.
3. The After Prom used their grant money to help with cost of game rentals, T-shirts (with Coalition information on them) and other prizes. The After Prom is a prevention grant. In years past there have been numerous teens involved in drinking and driving situations, or attended parties where drugs were present, the atmosphere provided by the After Prom has significantly been reduced since the implementation of the After Prom program
4. The Celebrate Recovery program is an ongoing event, books and other materials were purchased for the programs through the funding provided. The funding purchased 92 complete sets of materials and has been utilized by over 40 people to date.
5. The Otterbein Police Dept. requested funding to be used for "purchase of evidence" or "buy money" that will assist them in drug related arrests. Also we funded 2 personal body cameras/dvr's for the Otterbein Police force to aide with them with the necessary tools to help increase the citations and convictions for impaired drivers. It has assisted officers in 4 arrests and 2 convictions.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. We have not addressed this objective at this time-we did not participate in last year's fair or health fair. The After Prom T-shirts given to all attendees does have the Coalition for a Drug Free Benton County printed on the shirts.
2. The Benton Central after Prom was utilized by 150+ students where they received prizes, T-shirts and college bound prizes while in a controlled drug and alcohol environment.
3. The After Prom used their grant money to help with cost of game rentals, T-shirts (with Coalition information on them) and other prizes. The After Prom is a prevention grant. In years past there have been numerous teens involved in drinking and driving situations, or attended parties where drugs were present, the atmosphere provided by the After Prom has significantly been reduced since the implementation of the After Prom program

Final Update (end of Year 3):

A. Problem Statement #2: Benton County adults are misusing alcohol, prescription drugs, and illicit controlled substances

B. Supportive Data:

1. In 2012, there were 180 drug screens administered. 73% revealed a positive result. The number of positive test were as follows:
 - a: Cannabis-**65**
 - b: Cocaine-**8**
 - c: Benz.-**18**
 - d: Diluted samples-**4**
 - e: Amphetamine/Meth-**15**
 - f: Opiate-**17**
 - g: Barb. & Eth-**6**
2. The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests for 2012
 - a: Possession of Controlled Substance (Sch. 1-4)-**19**
 - b: Possession Marijuana-**9**
 - c: Maintaining common nuisance-**5**
 - d: Possession Paraphernalia-**8**
 - e: Dealing/manufacturing meth-**5**
 - f: Possession of synthetic-**1**
 - g: Possession of precursors-**2**

End of Year 1 Update:

1. In 2013, there were 163 drug screens administered. 74% revealed a positive result. The number of positive test were as follows:
 - a: Cannabis-**60**
 - b: Cocaine-**6**
 - c: Benz.-**19**
 - d: Diluted samples-**3**
 - e: Amphetamine/Meth-**11**
 - f: Opiate-**21**
 - g: Barb. & Eth-**4**
2. The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests for 2013
 - a: Possession of Controlled Substance (Sch. 1-4)-**18**
 - b: Possession Marijuana--**7**
 - c: Maintaining common nuisance-**4**
 - d: Possession Paraphernalia-**10**
 - e: Dealing/manufacturing meth-**4**
 - f: Possession of synthetic-**1**
 - g: Possession of precursors-**2**

End of Year 2 Update:

1. In 2014, there were 232 drug screens administered. 35.77% revealed a positive result. The number of positive test were as follows:

- a: Cannabis-53
- b: Cocaine—2
- c: Benz.—13
- d: Diluted samples—9
- e: Amphetamine/Meth—13
- f: Opiate—19
- g: Barb. & Eth—5

2. The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests for 2014
 - a: Possession of Controlled Substance (Sch. 1-4)—3
 - b: Possession Marijuana--8
 - c: Maintaining common nuisance—5
 - d: Possession Paraphernalia—1
 - e: Dealing/manufacturing meth-o
 - f: Possession of synthetic-o
 - g: Possession of precursors-o

Final Update (end of Year 3):**C. Goals:**

1. Reduce total number of positive drug screen tests.

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. We had an increase of 3 positive drug screen tests done; this continues to be an area of great concern for the Coalition.

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. Even though we see a decrease of 37 positive drug screen tests; this still continues to be an area of great concern for the Coalition.

Final Report (end of Year 3):

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D. Objectives:

1. Promote community awareness by providing materials and visibility regarding hazards of alcohol, prescription drug misuse and other illicit controlled substances (newspapers, pamphlets, health fairs, and displays)
2. Promote and support alternative activities funding

3. Provide funding for education/prevention programs
4. Provide funding for treatment/intervention programs
5. Provide funding to law enforcement with tools/training programs and interdiction services in the county
6. to work with probation and compare law enforcement treatment data

End of Year 1 Update:

1. We have a Facebook page where we post statistical information on the negative impacts of alcohol and other misuse of illicit drugs. We currently have 10 members and 15 pending requests.
2. Currently we have not addressed this objective.
3. The Celebrate Recovery Program is still on going and has been utilized by over 40 individuals.
4. Celebrate Recovery was provided funding for materials for 92 people.
5. With the purchase of the body cameras, the Otterbein police was able to use the information gathered for the arrest of 4 individuals.
6. The probation department works closely with all entities of the law and also Wabash Valley to place individuals in the best program for their area of substance abuse needs; they have assigned 11 people to treatment as part of their probation.

End of Year 2 Update:

1. We have a Facebook page where we post statistical information on the negative impacts of alcohol and other misuse of illicit drugs. We currently have 47 members.
2. Currently we have not addressed this objective.
3. The Celebrate Recovery Program is still on going at the jail but another program has been started for the public at the Fowler United Methodist Church. The two programs have been utilized by over 54 individuals.
4. Celebrate Recovery program at the jail was provided funding for materials for 92 people. The Celebrate Recovery program that is open to the public has not requested any funding at this time.
5. The probation department works closely with all entities of the law and also Wabash Valley to place individuals in the best program for their area of substance abuse needs; they have assigned _105_ people to treatment as part of their probation

Final Update (end of Year 3):

A. Problem Statement #3: The impaired driving rate in Benton County is too high.

B. Supportive Data:

1. The Probation Department reports the following cases currently open:
 - a: Operating with BAC greater than .08 (D Felony)—**0**
 - b: OWI (Class C Misdemeanor)—**2**
 - c: OVWI endangering a person with prior (D Felony)—**5**
 - d: Operating vehicle with BAC .15 or more (A Misdemeanor)—**3**
 - e: Operating with BAC .08 or greater (C misdemeanor)—**6**

- f: OWI with prior (D felony)—7
- g: OWI (A misdemeanor)—5
- h: OWI (C misdemeanor)—2
- i: OWI (D felony)—1
- j: OWI endangering a person (A misdemeanor)—15
- k: OWI (C misdemeanor)—2
- l: OWI causing death with prior—0
- m: OWI endangering with prior (D felony)—6
- n: OWI while endangering a person (A misdemeanor)—15

For a total of **50** per 100 residents of Benton County

2. The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests

- a: OWI (A Misdemeanor Alcohol)—42
- b: OWI (D Felony prior)—8
- c: OWI (A Misdemeanor Controlled Substance)—1

End of Year 1 Update:

1. The Probation Department reports the following cases currently open:

- a: Operating with BAC greater than .08 (D Felony)—0
- b: OWI (Class C Misdemeanor)—1
- c: OVWI endangering a person with prior (D Felony)—3
- d: Operating vehicle with BAC .15 or more (A Misdemeanor)—3
- e: Operating with BAC .08 or greater (C misdemeanor)—7
- f: OWI with prior (D felony)—6
- g: OWI (A misdemeanor)—6
- h: OWI (C misdemeanor)—2
- i: OWI (D felony)—1
- j: OWI endangering a person (A misdemeanor)—14
- k: OWI (C misdemeanor)—1
- l: OWI causing death with prior—0
- m: OWI endangering with prior (D felony)—5
- n: OWI while endangering a person (A misdemeanor)—16

For a total of **50** per 100 residents of Benton County

2. The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests

- a: OWI (A Misdemeanor Alcohol)—44
- b: OWI (D Felony prior)—6
- c: OWI (A Misdemeanor Controlled Substance)—1

End of Year 2 Update:

1. The Probation Department reports the following cases currently open:

- a: Operating with BAC greater than .08 (D Felony)—0
- b: OWI (Class C Misdemeanor)—0
- c: OVWI endangering a person with prior (D Felony)—0
- d: Operating vehicle with BAC .15 or more (A Misdemeanor)—29
- e: Operating with BAC .08 or greater (C misdemeanor)—5
- f: OWI with prior (D felony)—0

- g: OWI (A misdemeanor)—0
- h: OWI (C misdemeanor)—0
- i: OWI (D felony)—0
- j: OWI endangering a person (A misdemeanor)—11
- k: OWI (C misdemeanor)—0
- l: OWI causing death with prior—0
- m: OWI endangering with prior (D felony)—6
- n: OWI while endangering a person (A misdemeanor)—0

For a total of 42 per 100 residents of Benton County

2. The Sheriff's Department reports the following arrests

- a: OWI (A Misdemeanor Alcohol)—26
- b: OWI (D Felony prior)—9
- c: OWI (A Misdemeanor Controlled Substance)—3

Final Update (end of Year 3):

C. Goals:

1. Increase the number of citations/arrests of impaired drivers in Benton County

End of Year 1 Annual Benchmarks:

1. With the funding received by the LCC, many departments now have body cameras that have been essential in assisting them with 4 convictions of impaired drivers

End of Year 2 Annual Benchmarks:

1. With the funding received by the LCC, all departments now have body cameras that have been essential in assisting them with 3 convictions of impaired drivers

Final Report (end of Year 3):

D. Objectives:

1. Provide funding to enforcement with tools/training programs and interdiction services in the county

End of Year 1 Update:

1. The LCC funded the program by the Fowler Police Department in the purchase of body cameras for the officers. The police department reported that the new cameras have assisted in 3 new DUI convictions based on admissions made to the officer, which was caught on the camera. The purpose of the purchase was to aid in the collection of evidence to assist the prosecuting attorney in the prosecution of defendants in drug and alcohol type driving under the influence crimes. Further use of the cameras is encouraged and will be beneficial in taking more drunk or impaired drivers off the roads of Benton County

End of Year 2 Update:

1. The LCC funded the program by the Fowler Police Department in the purchase of body cameras for the officers. The police department reported that the new cameras have assisted in 3 new DUI convictions based on admissions made to the officer, which was caught on the camera. The purpose of the purchase was to aid in the collection of evidence to assist the prosecuting attorney in the prosecution of defendants in drug and alcohol type driving under the influence crimes. Further use of the cameras is encouraged and will be beneficial in taking more drunk or impaired drivers off the roads of Benton County.

Final Update (end of Year 3):**Next Annual Update Due: April 2016****Next Comprehensive Community Plan Due: April 2016****Disclaimer:**

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The Local Drug Free Communities Fund must be spent according to the goals identified within the plan. I hereby acknowledge that I can be asked to submit proper documentation regarding funds that are collected, allocated, and disbursed within the county. Failure to do so could result in a “denied approval” by the Commission under IC 5-2-6-16.

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